



Teen Summit 2017 ***Making Peace – Within Ourselves and With Each Other***

The 8th Annual Orange Teen Summit, for Orange Public School students in grades 7 – 12, is a much-anticipated event to support and empower teens throughout the district. This year's event takes place over three days, November 2 – 4, with the theme "Making Peace – Within Ourselves and With Each Other." The summit will teach students how to be strong and resilient, and how to focus on constructive life goals. The event begins on Thursday evening, November 2, with a movie viewing at the Bow Tie South Orange Cinemas at SOPAC. The film is "Step," an inspirational documentary about the senior year for an inner city Baltimore Step Team. Event organizer, Mrs. Laura Sacks, School Nurse at Orange Preparatory Academy, has secured tickets for over 150 Grade 8 – 12 students to attend the viewing. A Teen Summit Step Competition, Show, and Party will follow this outing with prizes for best Step performers, on Friday, November 3. "We want to encourage our students to express themselves in positive ways and come together to enjoy themselves," said Mrs. Sacks.

On Saturday, November 4, students and their parents and guardians or mentors will enjoy a day filled with activities, workshops, a community art project, and lunch! New to the Summit is a Step performance from local Black Sororities and Fraternities, as well as workshops on filmmaking, technology careers, martial arts, and CIZE dance workouts. The program will open with remarks from Interim Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee, followed by remarks from the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. The Board of Education President, Mr. E. Lydell Carter will give the keynote address to students, inspired by the program's theme. "Finally, we'll get ready to continue making peace – feeling strong in ourselves so we can build a stronger community. We can all come together to make peace happen. "

The Teen Summit is free of charge for Orange residents and includes a T-shirt (while supplies last), prizes, entertainment and food. The event will be held at Lincoln Avenue School, located at 216 Lincoln Avenue in Orange. All students and adults must register

online to participate. Students and adults can register at:
<https://orangeteensummit2017.eventbrite.com/>.

Also, a link to registration can be found on Orange Preparatory Academy's webpage at
<https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Domain/374> (see Site Shortcuts).

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